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REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, claims 1-22 and 33-42 were considered and claims 23-32 were withdrawn. Claims 1-22 were indicated allowable and claims 33-41 were finally rejected under 35 USC 102(b). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and asserts that these claims are not anticipated by the cited reference.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled the remaining claims so that only allowed claims 1-22 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to re-present any original, unclaimed, or cancelled subject matter without prejudice or disclaimer in a subsequently filed continuing application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests notice of the same. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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